

SENATE BILL 3384

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to commissioners of  
administrative departments of state government.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-112(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The commissioners shall be appointed or reappointed by the governor for terms to expire with the beginning of the term of office of the governor next elected or re-elected.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-112, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) The appointment or reappointment of any commissioner, enumerated in § 4-3-111(2) - (21), shall be confirmed by joint resolution adopted by each house of the general assembly. If such appointment or reappointment is made while the general assembly is meeting in annual regular session, then the appointment or reappointment must be confirmed within thirty (30) days following such appointment or reappointment. If such appointment or reappointment is made during the interim between annual regular sessions of the general assembly, then the appointment or reappointment must be confirmed within thirty (30) days after the general assembly convenes in the annual regular session immediately following such appointment or reappointment. If the appointment or reappointment of a commissioner is not timely confirmed as required in this subsection (C), then the commissioner is ineligible to serve as chief executive officer of such administrative department during the balance of the current term of office of the governor who made such appointment or reappointment.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.